

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2014

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as was duly advertised at the Tell City High School. All three commissioners (President Thomas Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving) were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and County Attorney, Chris Goffinet. A media representative from the "Perry County News" attended the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

PAYROLL

Bill made a motion to approve the payroll docket in the amount of \$122,549.02 for payroll distributed on March 10, 2014. Randy seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meetings of February 3rd and 18th, 2014 had been mailed to the commissioners for their review. Randy made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SURETY BOND CHANGE

County Auditor Connie Berger explained that the Blanket Surety Bond for county employees was being updated because of several change of employees within county departments. Bill made the motion to approve the changes and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

County Assessor Mendy Lassaline attended the meeting and presented the commissioners with the Prescribed Contract for Annual Adjustments & Cyclical Reassessment between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Perry County. She explained that the bid had been accepted by the Commissioners in October of 2013. The contract is for the annual adjustments to real property in Perry County for the assessment years of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 as well as assistance with phases 1,2,3,4 of the four phase cyclical reassessment beginning on July 1, 2014. County Attorney Chris Goffinet had reviewed the contract and found it to be in proper legal order. Randy made a motion to approve the contract and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Judy Thomann and Mike Shoulders from Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates attended the meeting to give a presentation on a Comprehensive Plan. Mike stated that the last updated comprehensive plan for Perry County was done in 1983. Since 2000 to 2010 the growth rate of Perry County has only been 1%. A new comprehensive plan would help with development and growth of the county. He reviewed the land uses of Perry County; national forest land, steep slopes, floodplains, wetlands, incorporated areas and other land. Mike explained that a comprehensive plan will have many sections such as a land use plan, housing plan, economic development plan and an infrastructure plan. Mike reviewed some of the benefits and advantages of a comprehensive plan as follows:

- Identify opportunities and challenges for the county. The plan will project out 20 to 25 years into the future. Public meetings will be held and the county will want the public input on the plan.
- Apply for future grants – after plan is completed entities will be able to apply for federal and state grants
- Future growth and emerging development opportunities – work to bring in large or small businesses and tourism; anything that will fuel our economy
- Provide framework for unincorporated communities to guide development
- Identify the assets of the county – Ohio River, Hoosier National Forest, tourism
- Guide the subdividing of rural tracts of land for developments
- Understand the demand for future infrastructure and utilities in the county
- Future investment of county funds
- Identify linkages and partnerships that can lead to better/faster accomplishments of projects

- Create a shared vision
- Meet goals to move into the next 20 to 25 years

Judy stated that there are lots of reasons for an updated plan. One of the main reasons is to have young people stay and work in Perry County.

Randy stated that it was his understanding that the plan should be reviewed and updated every 5 years. Judy stated that was correct because things change over the years and the plan would need to be updated. A new comprehensive plan will be used because it will lay out the plan and vision for the county. Randy stated that if the commissioners want to see the county grow, a comprehensive plan is one step in that direction. Tom stated that a new plan will help with grant opportunities and hoped to see the county use the plan and also can see that it will pull the county together. The plan will take 9 months to one year to complete and the cost will be \$50,000.00. County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, stated that he had reviewed the contract and found it to be in proper legal order. Randy made the motion to approve the contract and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Contract will be signed once the funding is approved by the Perry County Council.) Tom explained that the funding will be requested from the additional funding that was received in 2011 in the Economic Development Fund. The commissioners will request the additional appropriation in April.

County Council members Stan Goffinet and Ron Crawford attended the meeting and had several questions about the comprehensive plan. They were concerned that if the current plan was not updated would a new plan be used and updated. Randy stated that it would be the commissioner's job to review the plan and make sure that it was updated. There was much discussion between the commissioners and Stan and Ron on the comprehensive plan.

HIGHWAY ANNUAL REPORT

County Highway Superintendent, Ed Feix, presented the commissioners with the 2013 County Highway Annual Report for their approval. Bill made the motion to approve the report and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING MAILBOX POLICY

Ed Feix, Highway Superintendent, explained that when plowing snow and ice from county roads it is hard to avoid damage to mailboxes. He stated that he receives lots of phone calls each year about damaged mailboxes. County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, explained that most mailboxes are within the county rights-of-way and this resolution states that the county will not be accountable for damage to mailboxes less than three feet from a road, nor will reparations be offered if a mailbox is found to have been in an unsound condition prior to the damages, regardless of the circumstances causing the damage. Randy stated that this resolution is needed and made the motion to approve the resolution. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" Resolution R-C-14-1)

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, presented the commissioners with an amendment to the ambulance service contract. The current contract has been in effect since 1987. Chris explained that all ambulances are run by Perry County Memorial Hospital under a contract with the county. He explained that the following items had been proposed by the commissioners:

- The contract will now be a one year contract ending on December 31, 2014, and may be renewed by Perry County as long as such notice of renewal is received by Hospital at least two weeks before the end of the term of the contract.
- Representatives of Perry County and Hospital shall meet annually in November of each year to discuss the terms of the contract and the provision of ambulance service for the upcoming year. The hospital shall provide Perry County a detailed accounting of the operations of the ambulance service.
- Hospital agrees that it shall provide a paramedic ambulance service as determined under Indiana law.
- Should net income result to the Hospital from the provision of ambulance services under the contract each year after all expenses are accounted for, Hospital agrees

to maintain any net income in a separate account to be applied to the provision of ambulance services the next year.

Chris stated that the hospital will review the amendment at their next meeting, but he had prepared the document according to directions from the CEO of the hospital. The Commissioners explained that they had discussed and suggested these changes to the hospital. Council member Ron Crawford asked if the hospital was still going to build a EMS station at the new hospital to house the ambulances. Tom stated the contract does not address that issue. After much discussion on the amendment Randy made the motion to approve the Amendment to the Contract for Ambulance Service with the hospital. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0 with Tom abstaining due to being a paramedic on the ambulance service, but he stated that he did support the amendment. (See Attachment "B")

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Cheryl Taylor with the Perry County Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to discuss the things that are being done this year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Perry County. She stated that each month different activities on the history of the county are being done. She discussed that they are giving certificates to any family that can trace their family history back 200 years or more to show that they are one of the first families of Perry County. She also discussed a time capsule that they hope will be buried at the Perry County Courthouse.

Jim Carter with the Perry County Humane Society attended the meeting and reminded the commissioners that he had attended their meeting on March 3rd and asked them two questions concerning animal control. The two questions that he had asked were; if the commissioners would request an appropriation of \$6,000.00 to fund a contract person to take animals to the shelter via dispatch or if funds other than county funds could be found would the commissioners appoint a contract person or hire an animal control officer. Jim stated that he would like to have the answers to the two questions in writing. Tom stated that the commissioners could put the request in at budget time for next year, but they cannot make promises until the budgets are approved. Tom also stated that the commissioners cannot give him anything in writing on a contract person or an animal control officer, because at this time there is not any funding or a job description for this position. Tom stated that the commissioners cannot take any written action without more details. Bill stated that if anything was to be done it would have to go before the Animal Control Board. Jim stated that all he would like to have is a yes or no answer from the commissioners as to if they are in favor of a contracted person or an animal control officer.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes approved this 8th day of April 2014.

Thomas J. Hauser
President

Bill Amos

Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:
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